

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A system for supporting multiple users of a communication device, comprising:

a communication device communicatively coupled to a communication network;

media content disposed in the communication network or the communication device, the media content comprising broadcast media and personal media; and

a software platform residing on the communication device, the software platform receiving authentication information and facilitating a display of a user-defined selection from the media content by the communication device in a user-defined layout, the software platform being adapted to communicate the media content to the communication network.

2. The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, a local area network, and a wireless infrastructure.

3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises an Internet.

4. The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication device comprises at least one of a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a display, and a remote control.

5. The system according to claim 1, wherein the media content comprises at least one of third party media content, user-created media content, digital video, digital images, digital audio, documents, files, broadcast television programs, radio channels, news programming, sporting events programming, special programming, and on-demand movies.

6. The system according to claim 1, wherein the software platform performs on the media content at least one of accessing, sending, constructing a user-defined layout of the media content, displaying, text overlaying, voice overlaying, channel naming, managing authorship rights, managing media rights, managing billing services, and integrating the user-defined selection into a user-defined layout.

7. The system according to claim 1, wherein the user-defined layout comprises a channel view layout.

8. The system according to claim 1, wherein the software platform can process a plurality of user-defined selections from the media content.

9. The system according to claim 8, wherein each user-defined selection corresponds to a user-specific authentication information.

10. The system according to claim 1, wherein the authentication information comprises at least one of a pin code, a voice key code, and a password.

11. The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second communication device communicatively coupled to the communication network,

wherein the software platform communicates the user-defined selection in the user-defined layout to the second communication device.

12. A system for supporting multiple users of a communication device, comprising:

at least one processor disposed in a communication device, the communication device being communicatively coupled to a communication network, the at least one processor receiving information related to a user-defined selection from media content available on at least one of the communication network and the communication device, the at least one processor receiving authentication information entered into the communication network via the communication device and analyzing the authentication information to determine whether to display the user-defined selection on the communication device.

13. The system according to claim 12, wherein the at least one processor sends the user-defined selection to the communication device for display in a user-defined layout.

14. The system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one processor determines whether to send the user-defined selection to a second communication device communicatively coupled to the communication network.

15. The system according to claim 12, wherein the at least one processor is at least one of a computer processor, a media peripheral processor, a set-top box processor, a media exchange system processor, a media processing system processor, and a storage processor.

16. A system for supporting multiple users of a communication device, comprising:

- a first display communicatively coupled to a first communication device;

- a second display communicatively coupled to a second communication device;

- a communication network communicatively coupled to the first communication device and the second communication device;

- media content disposed in at least one of the communication network, the first communication device and the second communication device; and

- a software platform residing on the first communication device, the software platform receiving information relating to a user-defined selection from media content and authorizing the delivery of the user-defined selection to at least one of the first display and the second display, the user-defined selection being delivered in a user-defined layout.

17. The system according to claim 16, wherein the communication network comprises at least one of a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, a local area network, and a wireless infrastructure.

18. The system according to claim 16, wherein the user-defined layout comprises a channel view layout.

19. The system according to claim 16, wherein at least one of the first communication device and the second communication device comprise at least one of a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a display, and a remote control.

20. The system according to claim 16, wherein the media content comprises at least one of third party media content, user-created media content, digital video, digital images, digital audio, documents, files, broadcast television programs, radio channels, news programming, sporting events programming, special programming, and on-demand movies.

21. The system according to claim 16, wherein the software platform performs on the media content at least one of accessing, sending, constructing a user-defined layout of the media content, displaying, text overlaying, voice overlaying, channel naming, managing authorship rights, managing media rights, managing billing services, and integrating the user-defined selection into a user-defined layout.

22. The system according to claim 16, wherein the software platform sends the user-defined selection to the second display.

23. The system according to claim 22, wherein the sent user-defined selection is displayed in a user-defined layout.

24. The system according to claim 23, wherein the user-defined layout comprises a channel view layout.

25. The system according to claim 16, wherein the software platform can process a plurality of user-defined selections.

26. The system according to claim 25, wherein each user-defined selection corresponds to a user-specific authentication information.

27. A method to support multiple personalized views for users of a communication device, comprising:

(a) entering a first set of authentication information via a communication device communicatively coupled to a communication network, the first set of authentication information corresponding to a first user-defined selection from media content.

(b) displaying the first user-defined selection in a user-defined layout by the communication device upon validation of the first set of authentication information;

(c) resetting the communication device so that a second set of authentication information may be entered on the communication device;

(d) entering the second set of authentication information via the communication device, the second set of authentication information corresponding to a second user-defined selection from media content; and

(e) displaying the second user-defined selection in a user-defined layout by the communication device upon validation of the second set of authentication information.

28. The method according to claim 27, further comprising:

(f) sending the user-defined selection to a second communication device communicatively coupled to the communication network.

29. The method according to claim 28, further comprising:

(g) displaying the user-defined selection in a user-defined layout on the second communication device.